

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

- Provide Limited Government --- CS for HB 1605 allows the Department of Elderly Affairs to create and conduct a pilot program in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.
- Safeguard Individual Liberty --- CS to HB 1605 provides for fostering the development of training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers 55 years of age and older. The CS also provides for preventing premature institutional placement through in-home companion care services.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Seniors Offering Services Program

The CS allows the Seniors Offering Services pilot program in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties to be created and conducted by the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) and to receive training from the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

The CS provides the following purposes for the Seniors Offering Services pilot program:

- To foster the development of training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged workers 55 years of age and older that are critical to the provision of community-based and institutional care for frail and vulnerable adults who live in the community.
- To assist in meeting the growing demand for in-home companion care services and prevent costly premature institutional placement.
- To become a direct referral resource for DOEA.

The CS does not provide guidelines for DOEA to implement these purposes.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is currently conducted by DOEA. The SCSEP serves unemployed, low-income persons who are 55 and older and who have poor employment prospects by placing them in part-time community service positions and by assisting them to transition to unsubsidized employment.

The purposes of the SCSEP are:

- To foster and promote useful part-time opportunities in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons who are 55 years of age and older and have poor employment prospects.
- To foster individual income economic self-sufficiency.
- To increase the number of older persons who may enjoy the benefits of unsubsidized employment in both the public and private sectors.

The SCSEP is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act and is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Allows DOEA to create and conduct the Seniors Offering Services pilot program in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties and provides purposes for the program.

Section 2. Provides that the CS will take effect on July, 1 2005.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Indeterminate, sufficient information on implementation is not provided in the CS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This CS does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds. This CS does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities. This CS does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

At its April 6, 2005, meeting, the Committee on Elder and Long-Term Care adopted a strike-all amendment to the bill as filed and favorably reported the Committee Substitute. The CS amends section (1) to allow DOEA to conduct the Seniors Offering Services pilot program in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. The Senior Community Service Employment Program shall provide the necessary training for the pilot program.

This analysis is drafted to the Committee Substitute.